

SOUTHEASTERN EMPLOYER COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 11, 2004

PRESENT: Deb Dull, Brett Behling, Nick Tatton, Tom Jewell, Susan Etzel, Martel Dansie, Nicole Steele, Marjorie Jones, Joe Piccolo, Lorna O'berto, Roger Sparks, Carrie Keller, Kathy Smith and Mary Zorn.

WELCOME: Joe Piccolo, Chairperson, welcomed the committee members to the meeting. He thanked the members for their continuing efforts to make this committee such as great success.

DWS WORKSHOP INFORMATION: Tom Jewell presented the members with a handout which discussed the proposed classes to be held at Workforce Services in Price that will last for at least 4 months. The topics included:

- Effective Job Search (Transferable Skills)
- Resume/Applications
- Interviewing
- Handling Change
- Job Retention
- Goal Setting – Time Management
- Stress
- Problem Solving (Balance of Life Activities)

One topic will be covered in a workshop per week at the Price Workforce Services Office at 475 W. Price River Drive, Price, Utah. The committee members were also asked to submit any topics they feel would be beneficial to area.

JOB CLUB: Tom Jewell explained the proposed job club details that will be started in the near future at the Price Workforce Services Office. There are two clubs that were started in the Provo and St. George areas which so far have very positive attendance and outcomes for participants. Suggested topics to be covered are:

- ✓ Maintain a job
- ✓ Obtaining an interview
- ✓ Coping with stress
- ✓ Benefits
- ✓ Salaries
- ✓ Selling yourself
- ✓ Researching Companies

LMI INFORMATION: Nicole Steele presented the committee members with the following information:

- ❖ Eastern Utah 2003 Utah Occupational Wages Hourly Wage Information By Occupational Title which is a summary of the latest wage information available for Eastern Utah Counties. The wages for entry, average, medium and middle from to ranges were reviewed.
- ❖ Trendlines- Perspectives on Utah's Economy. Uintah County was one of the highlighted topics in the brochure.
- ❖ Utah Wage Trends – Nicole thanked the members for their contribution in making this publication possible as their willingness to submit the requested survey information results in a wide assortment of information to be shared statewide.

PRICE CITY HAPPENINGS: Nick Tatton presented the members with a brochure explaining the function of the Redevelopment Agency Grant recently received by Price City. There are two areas designated in Price for this funding one being the downtown Price area for visual, structural and landscaping improvements and one being the area down airport road by the new Wal Mart. This type of funding is a reinvestment in the local tax money for improving the area.

ECONOMIC VITALITY FUND: Nick Tatton covered the recent grant received by Price City which will be around \$105,000.00. This funding will be used to strictly loan money to existing businesses for improvements and prospective new businesses for modernization, etc.

UTAH MAINSTREET PROGRAM: Price City has received a \$15,000.00 grant from the Redevelopment Agency and a meeting will be held June 18th at 8:00 a.m. at the Price City Hall to discuss what type of businesses could be supported in Price. Subcommittees are to be set up to bring more interest to Price such as an Events and Promotions committee which would involve closing the mainstreet down to vehicle traffic to have parades, carnivals, dances, etc., that would bring in more foot traffic to the local businesses. A subcommittee will all be formed to discuss the type of building upkeep for main street such as if the buildings need a face lift, if they should be painted the same color, if trees or flowers should be planted and where, etc.

GRANT WRITING: Joe Piccolo invited the members to attend the grant writing at Price City Hall on June 12, 2003, from 1-4 at a cost of \$60.00 per person.

SEMINARS: Nicole Steele asked the members for input on how long the seminars should be 1 vs 2 hrs. The decision was made to hold the seminars for 1 hour to possibly lure more participants and if it went over that would be acceptable.

MEETING DATES: It was decided that the Employer Council would meet on Wednesday every other month as it best fit the committee members needs.

CHAMBER/RODEO INFORMATION: Marjorie Jones encouraged the members to purchase their tickets early to the Black Diamond Rodeo to be held June 20 & 21st. Tickets are \$11.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children with a \$2.00 discount if purchased early.

MEETING ADJOURNED.